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(U) Rocklin – Sierra College Experiencing External Ransomware Attack During Finals Week

(U) Sierra College officials say an external ransomware attack is to blame for the technical issues preventing people from accessing the school's website and other online systems. The issues, which were first reported Wednesday morning, are coming at the end of finals week. The college says they are now working with law enforcement and third-party cybersecurity experts to investigate the attack and bring the systems back online. "We want our students, their parents, and the Sierra College community to know that we place a high value on maintaining the integrity and security of the data we hold in our systems. We also want everyone to know that we are working diligently to restore operation," the college said in a statement on Thursday."

SOURCE: 20 May 2021, [MSN](#)

(U) Los Angeles – Mideast Tensions Lead To LA Fight; LAPD Launches Hate Crime Investigation

(U) Video shows an apparent group of pro-Palestinian protesters attacking diners outside a restaurant in the West Hollywood area Tuesday night. The incident appears to be an anti-Semitic attack coming amid a renewed conflict between Israel and Palestinians. The footage is part of a hate crime investigation launched by the Los Angeles Police Department after the violent fight erupted on La Cienega Boulevard just before 10 p.m. Witnesses said the pro-Palestinian group was yelling anti-Semitic remarks at the diners.

SOURCE: 19 May 2021, [ABC 7 \(Los Angeles\)](#)

(U) NATIONAL

(U) New York – NYPD Arrest 19 Following Clashes Between Groups

(U) Manhattan – The New York Police Department (NYPD) declared an unlawful assembly in Manhattan following clashes between groups yesterday. At least 19 people were arrested according to police. Officials say groups attempted to block traffic and threw multiple projectiles at police. Following multiple large gatherings, fireworks were thrown from a car into a crowd of people in the Diamond District on 47th Street, injuring one according to police. An NYPD bomb squad deployed to the scene, reported that one firework and one smoke generator were used in the incident.

SOURCE: 19 May 2021, [CBS News](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Mali – Explosive Device Kills 16 In Northern Mali

(U) Gao – Sixteen civilians were killed, and others injured in northern Mali when their vehicle struck an explosive device, an army spokesman said yesterday. The incident took place late on Wednesday near the city of Gao, a part of Mali where militants with ties to al Qa'ida regularly attack civilians, Malian and

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French soldiers and UN peacekeepers, an army spokesman stated. He did not say who was responsible for laying the device and provided no further details about the incident. Mali has been wracked by Islamist violence since 2012 when jihadist groups hijacked an uprising by Tuareg separatists in the north. SOURCE: 20 May 2021, [Reuters](#)

(U) Nigeria – Boko Haram Leader Confirmed Dead

(U) Abuja – Abubakar Shekau, the fundamentalist warlord who turned Boko Haram from an obscure radical sect into a jihadist army whose war with the Nigerian state has left tens of thousands dead across four nations, has died, according to officials, mediators, phone calls intercepted by a West African spy agency and internal intelligence memos seen by the Wall Street Journal. His death, which Nigeria's military has erroneously reported at least three times before, was confirmed by five Nigerian officials who detailed how he detonated a suicide vest during a confrontation with rival insurgents to avoid being taken alive. Globally, he was best known for kidnapping nearly 300 schoolgirls from the town of Chibok on the night before their final exams, an abduction that sparked the world-wide social-media movement #BringBackOurGirls.

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